

Poor Law (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

MEMORANDUM.

The poor law in Ireland at present permits boards of guardians to provide for the education of pauper children in establishments separated from the workhouse. In the case of deserted children, the Poor Law Act of 1889 enabled them to keep boys up to the age of sixteen years, and girls up to the age of eighteen years, in these separate establishments. In the case of all other children, they must at present remove them from these schools at fifteen years of age. This Bill seeks to permit the guardians, where advisable, to maintain all pauper boys up to the age of sixteen in these schools, and girls up to the age of eighteen, instead of returning them to the workhouses at the age of fifteen, where they would rank as able-bodied paupers.

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Amend the Poor Law (Ireland) Acts.

A.D. 1892.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

5 1. This Act may be cited as the Poor Law (Ireland) Act, 1892. Short title.

2. On and after the *passing of this Act*, where a child is maintained by the guardians of any union, and is an orphan, or a child whose parent is in receipt of indoor relief, the guardians shall have in respect of such child all the powers conferred on them by section one of the Poor Law Act, 1889, in respect to a child deserted by its parent. Powers to guardians over children other than deserted.

Provided that in respect to a child not deserted, the guardians shall cease to exercise their control if the parent of such child shall cease to be in receipt of indoor relief.

15 3. This Act shall only apply to Ireland.

Extent of Act.

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